

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
TAX POLICY**

Thursday, March 9, 2006

9:00 A.M.

Room 521 House Office Building

Chairman Sheen called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau, Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (17/17)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None. (0/17)

Chairman Sheen laid **HB 5743** before the committee.

HB 5743 Drolet Single business tax; repeal; repeal of single business tax; provide for.

Representative Leon Drolet, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive, testified before the committee in support of **HB 5743**.

William D. McMaster, representing Taxpayers United, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5743** but due to time constraints was unable to speak.

Jeffery D. Meek, representing himself, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5743** but due to time constraints was unable to speak.

Louise Somalski, representing the Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Ken Fletcher, representing the American Federation of Labor - Congress of Industrial Organizations, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Sharon Parks, representing the Michigan League for Human Services, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Nick Ciaramitaro, representing the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Cynthia A. Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Nadine Nosal, representing the UAW, International Union, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Barry Cargill, representing the Small Business Association of Michigan, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Keith Carey, representing the National Federation of Independent Business, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Dawn Crandall, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Larry Kish, representing the Life Insurance Association of Michigan, turned in a testimony card in support of **HB 5743** but did not wish to speak.

Representative Farrah moved to adopt the following amendment to **HB 5743**. Representative **Meisner** supported the motion.

1. Amend page 1, following line 7, by inserting:
“Enacting section 4. This amendatory act does not take effect unless the Legislature provides by law that the annual revenue not collected and deposited into the general fund as a result of the repeal of the single business tax act, 1975 PA 228, MCL 208.1 to 208.145, will be collected through new taxes and not transferred from any fund or other source available at the time of the repeal and deposited annually into the general fund.”.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (7/17)

NAYS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau. (10/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

An insufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion did not prevail.

Representative Gosselin moved to report **HB 5743**, with recommendation. **Representative Drolet** supported the motion.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Sheen, Meyer, Gosselin, Newell, Drolet, Palmer, Hoogendyk, Stakoe, Jones, Marleau. (10/17)

NAYS: Reps. Bieda, Farrah, Zelenko, Miller, Meisner, Bennett, Mayes. (7/17)

PASS: None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Sheen** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 9:57 a.m.

Representative Fulton Sheen, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070